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Speaker Sprowls Appoints Rep. Bobby Payne to the Southern States Energy Board

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (February 23, 2021) — Today, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Chris Sprowls appointed Representative Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, to the Southern States Energy Board.

“Representative Payne’s long, impressive record in the energy sector will serve him well on the Southern States Energy Board,” said Speaker Sprowls. “His extensive knowledge in electric power generation, transmission and distribution across the state of Florida will prepare him well for this new role serving Florida’s consumers and our energy industry while protecting our natural resources and wildlife.”

The Southern States Energy Board was enacted by Congress in 1960 to enhance economic and innovations in energy and environment programs. Sixteen southern states and two territories are represented on the Board, with each Governor and two legislators from each delegation.

Earlier this year, Representative Payne was appointed by Speaker Sprowls as Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee. In the 2016-2018 Session, he served as Vice Chairman of the Energy and Utilities Subcommittee. During his tenure in the House, Representative Payne has advocated for legislation regarding land and water use and greater efficiency in energy production. Additionally, he served several roles during a 38-year career at Seminole Electric Cooperative, including Manager of Operations at the Seminole Generating Station in Palatka.

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